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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1793

Serial No.: 10/773,311

Examiner: James Fiorito

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FOR: METHOD FOR GROWING CARBON NANOTUBES, AND ELECTRONIC  
DEVICE HAVING STRUCTURE OF OHMIC CONNECTION TO CARBON  
ELEMENT CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURE BODY AND PRODUCTION  
METHOD THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 2, 2007

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 4, 2007, requiring restriction among three alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Action, the examiner made a restriction requirement among the inventions of **Group I** drawn to an electronic device (claims 2-5); **Group II** drawn to a method (claims 6-16); and **Group III** drawn to a method (claims 17-36).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I, that is, claims 2-5**, for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Serial No.: 11/339,661  
OA dated October 4, 2007  
Resp dated November 2, 2007

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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